



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: July 2, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item XIV: Consideration of resolution authorizing application to the Department of Homeland Security for a DHS Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing application to the Department of Homeland Security for a DHS Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is an ideal candidate for providing a high yield return on investment from the SAFER grant. As an Office of Emergency Services (OES) fire suppression agency, the MRCA provides fire protection services not only to agency managed or owned parkland, but also to the State of California.

The MRCA has built a permanent framework for our volunteer firefighter program, as evidenced by the MRCA Fire Academy and our service agreements. However, we are in need of grant funding to stimulate the continued growth of this critical program. This grant will fund the lost wages of volunteer firefighters while they are deployed on a fire, and the recruitment and training costs incurred by the MRCA.